



News Notes

CFC kicks off Monday – The Combined Federal Campaign kicks off Monday and runs through Oct. 20. The 15th Airlift Wing goal is to have 100 percent contact with all members within the first 12 hours of the campaign. The monetary goal this year is \$225K. Each unit has CFC representatives for this year's drive. Any questions can be answered by unit representatives or 1st Lt. Heather Thompson at 449-3084, Captain Jonathan Joshua at 448-6403, Senior Master Sgt. Dan Wright at 448-6477, or Master Sgt. Bradley Smith at 449-6860. Maj. Jason Warnick at 448-2075 is the PACAF representative.

Volunteer opportunities – Looking for individuals to help facilitate a teen tobacco cessation course on Hickam. One day training required; scheduled for Sept. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call 448-6170 or 448-6731.

Tobacco Focus Group – The HAWC is looking for junior enlisted members (18-24 yrs old); smokers (includes all tobacco products), non-smokers and supervisors of each category to form a Tobacco Focus Group. Age requirement does not apply to supervisors. The session is scheduled for Oct. 4. Each session will be one hour in duration. Total group size is 36. Please respond for participation via email by Sept. 15. carol.shaffer@hickam.af.mil For info call the HAWC 448-6170 or 448-6731.

Embry-Riddle's October term courses – Embry Riddle is offering 25 undergraduate courses during its Fall term (Oct. 3 to Dec. 12), to include a wide variety of general education, management, safety of flight, and global security and intelligence courses. With two new minor courses of study in occupational safety and health and international relations to complement our existing minors in management, safety, and security and intelligence.

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Town Hall to outline relocation

By Rick Cunefare
Hickam Community Housing

Hickam Community Housing and 15th Airlift Wing officials will present the schedule of relocation of residents into newly constructed homes during a town hall meeting Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Memorial Theater.

The meeting is designed to not only convey the schedule of relocation but to receive feedback on the topic from residents. Relocations will be from Earhart Village Phase II to the newly constructed homes in the Hale Na Koa (Homes of the Warriors) community.

Some of the homes will be ready for occupancy by the end



The map above references Phase II construction in Earhart Village and the color coding determines relocation time frames. Red relocates by Feb. 17, 2006; green relocates by May 2006 and blue relocates by July 2006.

of 2005.

Earhart Village will have the first 23 new homes available

that are scheduled for occupancy in mid-December. Hale Na Koa will follow shortly thereafter with 52 homes in mid-January. The remaining new homes in Hale Na Koa are

**Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday
6:30 p.m.
Memorial Theater**

scheduled for completion in April and June of 2006. In order to keep the construction momentum moving, HCH will be relocating residents from Earhart Village to these new homes.

Hickam Community Housing's relocation of residents will be sequenced to allow for minimal disruption in tandem with efficient renovation, demolition and construction operations.

Patriot's Day



Left: 2nd Lt. Jeffery Mayer, Hickam Honor Guard, carries a wreath while walking with Command Chief Master Sgt. James LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing, Friday during the wing's Patriots Day retreat ceremony. Right: Senior



Airman Kristoffer Abalos, Hickam Honor Guard, prepares to make the first fold of the base flag with other honor guard flag detail members. About 400 Sky Warriors from units around base formed up for the ceremony.

Photos by Angela Elbern

AF Club membership has its privileges

By James Wolfe
Business Operations
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15th Services Squadron

Air Force Clubs ... tradition, heritage, entertainment, catering. It's all here and available to all active duty, retired and DOD civilians.

There's no better time than now to consider the benefits, privileges and professional responsibility of club membership. The Air Force Clubs of Hickam are beginning their annual membership drive

which runs now through Nov. 30.

The club will be holding special membership events throughout the drive. In conjunction with headquarters Pacific Air Forces and Chase Bank, all new members and current members will be eligible to win thousands of dollars in local prizes, free meals at the clubs as well as a \$1,000 credit to their club account.

Base leadership knows it's

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Master Sgt. Daryl Minor, Pacific Air Forces, shows Sabrina Galiza, JR Rockers bartender, his club card Tuesday, to get his club member prices during lunch.

Hickam winner in FOH golf tournament

By Bette Kalohi
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

It was a red letter day for Hickam, thanks to the success of the Friends of Hickam's annual golf tournament. All the proceeds of this tournament go directly to projects that support team Hickam and their families.

"This year may have been our best tournament" mused Dan Dung, President of FOH. "We had a lot of support again from FOH members and friends with sponsorship, great prizes and donations of juice, water and other items to make the tournament a success." Everyone participating in the tournament went home with something.

Participants included several military personnel including Col. Bill Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Scott

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Natural disaster prep: Don't wait

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Now more than ever since 9/11, the Asian tsunami and our most recent disaster Katrina there is absolutely no room left for the mentality of "this can't happen to me," it can and it might.

Planning, preparedness and readiness is key to Hickam families being proactive for disaster.

Planning is monumental; remember to include a steady

fast plan for your pets and family members with special needs.

Practice as a family the emergency plan and build an emergency preparedness kit so that everyone is clear about what needs to be done before, during and after a disaster.

Hawaii is susceptible to year-round weather conditions, which at any time can pose a threat to life and property, being in paradise does not exonerate us from natural disasters.

"Especially in paradise everybody gets off the plane and thinks 'oh what a great place,' but that is what I tell people all the time, 'paradise could have its problems,'" said Tech. Sgt. Greg Brannan, 15th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Hickam has a base-wide alerting system to notify the base personnel and its residents in the event of a potential threat of a natural disaster.

If Hickam were to lose its electricity, communication

would be carried out with runners and battery-operated radios.

"We have a base plan, the Full Spectrum Threat Response Plan 10-2 and in there it covers natural disasters to include hurricane, floods and tropical conditions," said Sergeant Brannan.

"Exercising the FSTR plan is one of the best ways Hickam prepares for the disaster," said Master Sgt. Paul Riffle operations superintendent.

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Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, checks his watch at the start of the Sept. 6 Warrior Run. Col. Scott Chesnut, 15th AW vice commander and Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim LeVack, 15th AW, keep pace.

Leadership - you've got it

Air Force instills values from basic on up

By Col. Bill "Goose" Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

A couple of weeks ago I had the opportunity to spend the weekend with a friend of mine who's the CEO of a large telecommunications company. We spent the first day catching up and planning for the weekend's events, but after that the conversation quickly turned to leadership ... specifically, how does the Air Force develop such great leaders?

Although I knew we have the best of the best when it comes to great Americans his question provoked some thought on my part. True, we have an excellent basic training program that ensures every Airman gets off to the right start. Also true is the fact that we have phenomenal Professional Military Education programs which continue to teach our officer and enlisted corps different

aspects of leadership and provide various leadership tools. But how about those times when we're not in school? What makes us do the right thing and lead others to do the right thing even when nobody's looking?

It's our Air Force Core Values. It's the fact that as an organization we've internalized them, we live by them every day, and we don't accept those who don't. For example, take our Core Value of Integrity. We take for granted that when our peers, subordinates, and leaders tell us something they are telling us the truth. We understand that mistakes happen, and perceptions differ, but we know that our people don't lie to us.

As far as Excellence in all we do, it's a given. When's the last time you heard a supervisor tell a subordinate, "Hey, make sure you do a good job, OK?" That just doesn't happen; we know that our people always do their

best. When people are given a task we know they're going to get the job done right.

Finally, when it comes to Service before self, that Core Value manifests itself daily. Whether it's giving up holidays or weekends to pull duty, or willingly deploying to far off places for long periods of time. We know our country needs us and we're ready to give up our personal comforts to serve a higher calling.

What we do on a day-to-day basis might not seem significant because we all do it, it's the norm. But it's significant and important and it is the envy of many corporations and it's what makes us the greatest Air Force in t — he world.

So take a moment, pat yourself on the back and think about what a tremendous group of people you have the opportunity to work with. You may be doing a very tough job, but you're in the company of the best leaders in the world. That's something

to be proud of.

Kudos to all of Team Hickam for a very professional and dignified Patriots' Day retreat ceremony Sept. 9. Seeing so many flights, standing tall and looking sharp, capped off by the superior performance of the **Honor Guard** gave me one more reason to be proud I'm in the United States Air Force.

Also, thank you to th **15th Civil Engineering Squadron** and many contractors for their work on the red carpet that leads from the base operations building to the Distinguished Visitors parking spots. Together this group of people used a new and innovative process which had not been seen on Oahu before to improve the base. Now when dignitaries arrive at Hickam they will see immediately why we are the showcase base of the Pacific.

Mahalo to each of you and have a safe Sky Warrior weekend.

Air Force celebrates 58 years

By Gen. Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces commander

The U.S. Air Force will celebrate its 58th anniversary Sept. 18, and while it marks a time to reflect on our humble beginnings as a separate service, it's also an opportunity to look at where we're headed.

As we, the men and women of the Pacific Air Forces celebrate, I urge each of us to look toward the future as our predecessors did back in 1947.

Those bold pioneers who established our foundation of independence and excellence, officers by the names of Doolittle, Arnold and Chenault, influenced by airpower theorists, such as Mitchell, Trenchard and Douhet, took pride in the role they played in the beginnings of today's most powerful Air Force.

It's been less than a century since William "Billy" Mitchell demonstrated how bombers, correctly equipped, could sink

some of the world's largest war vessels like the German battleship Ostfriesland. In response to the resultant fury of our nation's battleship commanders, his superiors sent him to Hawaii to quiet the hot debate of a separate air service. As you know, it didn't work.

Instead, off the coast of Mitchell's place of temporary exile, PACAF recently reiterated the decisive nature of the air power Mitchell envisioned and for which he fought so fervently. In joint demonstrations of maritime interdiction capability, several different Air Force aircraft types showed their lethality in Resultant Fury '05, and most recently in another exercise in the North Pacific.

We've come a long way; from fighting to convince our nation's leaders of the necessity of a separate Air Force to establishing complete air superiority over our enemies in a matter of hours.

Today's is a global war that's caused us to

shift our focus and redefine the way our military fights. We've come full circle. Instead of focusing on our separate strengths, we're focusing on the synergy of jointness, cooperating with our sister services, Guard and Reserve Units, and coalition partners at a level never before achieved.

PACAF is undergoing a transformation of its own. You're the pioneers of the expanding PACAF mission. Be proud in the role you play as Airmen in new endeavors such as standing up the Kenney warfighting headquarters; in the beddown of rotational bombers, fighters and tankers; in preparing for the addition of C-17s, Global Hawks, and additional fighter forces to the PACAF arsenal.

Happy Birthday to our great Air Force family and to you magnificent PACAF Airmen whose contributions are helping to redefine the 21st century's United States Air Force.

I'm proud to be serving with you!

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties — and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Privatized Housing Cleaning

Comment: My family is currently living in privatized housing on Hickam and PCSing in September. We have been told by HCH that in order to check out, our carpets must be professionally cleaned and a receipt submitted as proof. In addition, if you have pets, you must have your house professionally exterminated even if you do not have fleas.

We have never had to have our carpets professionally cleaned in 14 years of living in base housing all over the world. I do not understand why we cannot rent a unit and clean them ourselves. Professional carpet services have quoted us \$175 and a local exterminator has quoted us with a military discount of \$175. This seems outrageous. Because of the forced move due to renovations we have Airmen 1st class and senior Airmen living in these units, and how can they afford to pay these unnecessary out of pocket expenses?

I could understand if the carpets are excessively dirty but not if as in our case they are basically very clean.

Why can we not use bug bombs and rent self cleaners as we have been able to do in the past on other bases? We are moving to Okinawa and will have a lot of extra expenses like buying a car and really cannot afford this cost.

Response: I understand and appreciate your concerns, especially for the welfare of the junior Airmen. As a privatized company, Hickam Community Housing has implemented cleaning standards that are common in the private rental market. These standards include requiring residents to professionally clean the carpet, and pet owners to de-flea the house.

The purpose of these requirements is to ensure that homes are rent ready and clean prior to moving in the incoming resident. In the private market, pet owners are often required to pay a pet deposit, which is commonly non-refundable. HCH does not require a pet or security deposit. Regarding the HCH de-fleaing requirement, residents can choose to hire their own professional to do this (average cost is around \$120 for one treatment) which must be done at least two weeks prior to the final inspection. This allows the inspector to confirm no eggs have hatched and fleas aren't still active. HCH charges \$90 which includes two treatments two weeks apart.

When PCSing, military members are paid a dislocation allowance. The purpose of dislocation allowance is to offset the expense of charges just of this nature. Finally, residents who are forced to relocate from a MFH or HCH home due to renovations will not be charged for carpet cleaning or de-fleaing, since the home will not be re-occupied.

Thank you for your concerns. If you have further questions regarding privatized housing call HCH at 423-2300 or questions regarding non-privatized housing please call 449-2888.

Hickam Diamond Tips

Men's Sideburns

Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as the haircut. Will be straight and of even width (not flared) and end in a clean-shaven horizontal line. Sideburns must not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening. (This does not apply to individuals with shaving waivers.)



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Contact your First Sergeant

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Hickam Voices

Why are you an Air Force Club member?



Economics. I spend enough time at club-sponsored events to justify the cost of membership.

Capt. Josh Biggers
15th Mission Support Group



Tradition and discounts on events.

Lt. Col. Michael Thayne
15th Program Integration Office



The clubs support us in so many ways, professional organization meetings, PME graduations, promotion ceremonies, quarterly awards ... the clubs make these events possible!

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Montecalvo
15th Maintenance Group



Hickam's Enlisted club has great food and I always feel comfortable and at home. Frequent visits make the benefits and discounts of being a member worthwhile.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Wojciechowski
25th Air Support Operations Squadron



It was part of my responsibilities as an NCO to support the club. That tradition has continued since my retirement. In addition, once you reach a particular age, the monthly dues are significantly reduced.

Joe Shaw
15th Mission Support Group



I enjoy the wide variety of food (buffets) and entertainment to include Monday night football and membership nights. The staff is always friendly which make you feel comfortable.

Sue Chong
Retiree

Next week's question:
What have you done to contribute to the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts?



Major Manny Martin, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, talks to an Australian C-130J aircraft as it lands near Udorn Thani, Thailand. As a drop zone controller the major sets up, secures and controls the area. While deployed to Thailand from Aug. 22 - 25 the 25 ASOS controlled a total of 42 air drops.

25th ASOS deploys to airlift rally

By Capt. Rich Essary
Headquarters Pacific Air Forces

During Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, the Air Force was called upon to help provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) to the Pacific region.

Together with 16 Pacific-rim countries, two PACAF C-130 aircraft from Yokota Air Base, Japan, and a command-wide support team, three members from the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron temporarily deployed to Pacific Airlift Rally 2005 Aug. 21-26 in Udorn Thani, Thailand.

Majors Manny Martin and. Byron Miranda along with Master Sgt. John Knipe deployed to survey, set up and control the drop and land zones where the flying portion of PAR-05 was conducted.

The exercise that also included C-130 aircraft from Australia, Malaysia and Thailand, allowed countries to practice and exchange airlift, airland, and airdrop delivery procedures in a simulated HA/DR environment.

With the use of high-tech radio equipment, the three members of the 25th ASOS were able to communicate with

air crew real time and provide instant feedback from ground to air on the success or failure of the air drops.

"PAR-05 was unique for many reasons," said Sergeant Knipe, who has been a part of many multi-national exercises. "Usually a day is blocked for each country to airdrop separately."

Miranda agreed and said if this happens, technically each country is doing its own thing. At PAR-05, "We had multiple nations dropping back to back on the same day," the major stated.

The significance of this is interoperability. "These are the people we're going to work with in the event of a future tsunami or disaster relief effort," Sergeant Knipe said. "By working together, we can learn what our slight differences are."

Many of the airdrop delivery techniques used by the four countries participating in the field training portion of exercise were similar, but Major Miranda said he saw two kinds of air drops by Australia he hadn't seen before.

These subtle differences can make or break a HA/DR operation, and PAR-05 provided a forum to exchange ideas and techniques. "If we have to work with

them in the future, we will have already worked out some of the bugs of the operations," Major Miranda said.

This appeared to be a shared view by many at PAR-05 and participants from all the country delegations had nothing but positive feedback about the exercise. "It was great having all the countries come together to do air drops," the major said. "We really worked together as a coalition."

Concurrent with the flying program, PAR-05 included information seminars and a "table-top" exercise that allowed participants to address an HA/DR contingency scenario.

The following countries participated in PAR-05: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Thailand and United States.

The PACAF-sponsored military airlift symposium is conducted every two years and is co-hosted by a Pacific-region nation.

The last PAR was co-hosted by the Royal Malaysian Air Force in Sept. 2003.

Sergeant volunteers to educate local youth

By Darren Dean
Hickam School liaison

As the new school year begins, Airmen stationed at Hickam are finding numerous opportunities to volunteer in the local schools.

Hickam partners with twelve local schools in the central and windward districts. These partnerships are part of the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) initiative to strengthen the relationship between the local public schools and the military. During the last school year more than 640 Airmen and civilians assigned to

Hickam contributed more than 11,670 hours to partnership schools.

The new school year is only a few weeks old, but Master Sgt. Cynthia Laverdure, Pacific Air Forces, has already begun her volunteer efforts at Waimalu Elementary School. She has been teaching 6th grade classes lessons on Business for the Junior Achievement program.

"I've been teaching these classes for several years now and I really enjoy it," said Sergeant Laverdure. She is already graduating the 6th grade class from her program "and soon I will begin teach-

ing the Kindergarten class. I'm really looking forward to it!"

In addition to teaching different types of classes, the sergeant also takes advantage of other volunteer opportunities within the local schools to include campus improvement projects, field day activities, tutoring and many others. "I was a little hesitant at first, but once I got stated it was a lot of fun" said Sergeant Laverdure.

Anyone interested in volunteering in the local schools should contact their Squadron School Partnership Representative or the Hickam School Liaison at 448-5236.



Photo by Darren Dean
Master Sgt. Cynthia Laverdure, speaks to children at Waimalu Elementary.

Hickam case lot sale offers world-class savings

By Bonnie Powel
Defense Commissary Agency

The Hickam commissary is participating in the World's Biggest Case Lot Sale. The sale will offer "world-class" savings at nearly 270 commissaries in September. Hickam's case lot sale is Sept. 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

"Most commissaries are participating," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director for the Defense Commissary Agency, "and customers can save up to 50 percent or more off regular prices during case lot sales." The sales typically feature items by the case such as canned goods, beverages, cleaning or laundry prod-

ucts, and in some cases, fresh chicken, pork or beef.

"The sale at Hickam commissary will feature great prices on paper products, laundry detergents, juices, soda, and more," said store director, Thomas Doyle.

The worldwide sale is held two times per year, in May and September. "The September sale has been held since 2001 and proved so popular we expanded it to May," said Mr. Nixon. "Our customers really look forward to case lot sales - whether they live just around the block or an hour away. And with the holidays coming up and kids going back to school, it's a perfect time for customers to use their commissary benefit to stock up."

The May worldwide sale set a new record -

More than \$11.4 million in sales and 1.4 million cases of product sold at all stores combined.

In addition to the sale at Hickam commissary. Shoppers can find out about sales at other commissaries nearby through a special link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com>. The link takes shoppers to a page with sale dates. Each date is also linked to store "spotlight" pages where customers can check out sale details or access other news.

While customers are visiting the commissaries.com Web site, they can sign up to get all the latest news from DeCA, delivered via e-mail through the "Commissary Connection" newsletter.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates

a worldwide of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices - savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

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ent for the 15th SFS.

“We just had an exercise plan two weeks ago, where we exercised the FSTR plan and we had one in May where we exercised the plan as well,” said Sergeant Brannan.

September is National Preparedness Month and the Hawaii Red Cross wants to remind everyone to prepare for the unexpected by taking action now.

A well-orchestrated family plan in place begins with determining as a family how you would contact each other if at home; school or work if a

disaster happened and the family became separated.

Keep in mind cell phones may not work after a natural disaster.

Identify two places right outside the home and outside the neighborhood in case anyone is unable to return home to meet after a disaster. Then decide on an off island relative or friend to be the “family contact”.

After a disaster, phone lines may be busy and overloaded, so it is often easier to call out of the affected area. The role of the family contact is to help everyone connect by collect-

ing individual locations and communication status when conditions allow.

“According to a press release from Marsha Evans who is the national director of the American Red Cross, sixty percent of the American people are not prepared, which is a huge number,” said Tami Simerlink, Hickam’s station coordinator for the American Red Cross.

We are not going to be able to be one hundred percent prepared as individuals. “There is always something that you can’t plan

for,” said Sergeant Brannan.

No matter how great resources are, the future can’t be predicted.

“If we plan properly, we will be able to get all people out of harms way ... not listening will turn into an actual disaster for the people who stay behind,” said Sergeant Riffle.

“When you are told to evacuate, evacuate, they tell you that for a reason. If they tell you to evacuate just go,” said Sergeant Brannan.

When asked if they felt confident that their men and women are prepared for a disaster, both Sergeants Riffle and Brannan are very confident that their units are ready for any natural disaster.

Natural Disaster Resources

- <https://wwwmil.hickam.af.mil/ces/limited/cex/page3.htm> this is an excellent resource with a ton of links on Hickam’s intranet only.
- Call CES at 449-5213 they have a packet of information that is invaluable for natural disasters which include safe room information, a preparedness message from Civil Defense and American Red Cross, safety tips for hurricanes, tsunami killer waves, earthquake safety checklist, a guide and handbook for emergency preparedness and more.
- Call Hickam’s American Red Cross at 449-0166. Pamphlets include a checklist for people with mobility problems, disaster services, hurricane information, helping children with disaster, your family disaster plan, family disaster supplies kit checklist, disaster recovery tips and more.
- The Oahu white pages have a section dedicated to disaster preparedness.

WINNER, From A1

Chesnut, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander, Col. Noel, 15th AW Judge Advocate, Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim LeVack and many other Team Hickam members.

Even before the 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Mamala Bay, this tournament was off to a good start. Wives of the 65th and 535th Airlift Squadrons, led by Jane Holba, volunteered to help. They were joined by Maj. Scott Frickenstein, at the registration table. “We were happy to help,” said Mrs. Holba. “It is for a good cause and the Friends of Hickam put a lot of effort into this

tournament which benefits projects for the Airmen and Team Hickam.”

Again this year, Airmen also volunteered to help at the par-3 holes. The \$1,000 of the donations collected for “closest to the pin” will go directly to the Family Support Center for programs that support deployed members and their families.

After a nearly perfect golf day, topping the 75 teams was a newcomer, Airman 1st Class Sergio Meneses, 25th Air and Support Operations Squadron and his partner, Jeannie Choe.

Stuart Chun, Vice

President of FOH and organizer for this year’s tournament, commented on this year’s successful event, “We raised a substantial amount of money again this year. The golf tournament is our largest fundraiser. It allows us to continue to support the Hickam military and their families through a variety of projects and events.”

Projects FOH sponsors regularly include the bi-monthly Aloha Ohana bus orientation tour for newcomers, donations to the annual Team Hickam awards, Keiki Fishing Tournament and Operation Warmheart.

CLUB, From A1

a great time to be a member. “Couldn’t be better,” stated Col. Bill Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander. “Our membership is the backbone of our clubs. Our members keep our clubs strong, viable and available to serve our needs as warriors and the needs of our military families.”

Since 1947, Air Force clubs have been part of the day-to-day lives of Air Force personnel and their families around the world.

“Simply stated, clubs embody the essence of military tradition and proud warrior heritage” said Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF commander.

The club provides a world-class facility that’s open for members to enjoy, and offers a safe and secure atmosphere for family and friends. A membership also offers club benefits such as reduced-priced meals, scholarship programs, entertainment, football frenzy, and 10 percent off of your private

catered functions, just to name a few.

Call your respective club for more details or catch one of our “membership road shows” held at the BX or Commissary during the drive. The Hickam O’club phone number is 448-4608 Ext. 4 and E-club is 449-1292.

Read why club membership is important to those in the Hickam community in the “Hickam Voices” on Page A3 of this edition of the Kukini.

Three of a kind



Photo by Oscar Hernandez
(Left) 2nd Lt. David Deptula Jr. and (right) Zachary Deptula replace major general rank with lieutenant general rank on their father now Lt. Gen David Deptula, Pacific Air Forces vice commander, Aug. 30 at the Hickam Channel Display behind the Officers' club. Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF Commander, presided over the ceremony.

Crime Scene

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

An active-duty Air Force member reported being assaulted at the Tradewind's NCO Club. Security forces apprehended an active-duty Marine member for the above offense.

DUI

Hawaii Armed Services Police notified the security forces desk of an active Air Force member being apprehended by Honolulu Police Department for driving under the influence.

Simple Assault/Disorderly Conduct

An active Air Force member reported being assaulted by another active Air Force member.

Shoplifting/Fleeing the Scene/Failure to ID

An active-duty Army military member and spouse

were apprehended by security forces for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$5,399.49.

Minor POV/POV Accident

A family member of an active Air Force member and an active Army member filed a minor vehicle accident report. Estimated repair costs: \$1,700.

Shoplifting

Family member of an active Navy and family member of an active Marine member were detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$1,168.24.

Verbal Dispute/Domestic Disturbance

An active-duty Air Force member and spouse reported being involved in a domestic dispute.

Sex Related Offense

A family member of an active Air Force member reported being violated by an active-duty Air Force member.

Officials: Beware of Hurricane Katrina donation scams

By Maj. Dave Honchul
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) – Scenes of chaos and destruction resulting from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina have left Airmen nationwide wondering how they can help those affected by the tragedy.

Like many Americans across the nation, Airmen and their families seek to help in the hurricane recovery. While these Samaritans donate their hard-earned money for the worthy cause, a criminal element has already swept across the Internet seeking to cash in on the crisis.

“When a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina occurs, fraudulent activities associated with dona-

tions often take place,” said Brig. Gen. Charles J. Dunlap Jr., Air Combat Command staff judge advocate. “What is occurring now is similar to incidents that occurred following crises like the Sept. 11 attacks or the tsunami in Southeast Asia.”

According to the New York Times, the Federal Bureau of Investigation lists the number of Web sites purporting to deal with Katrina information and relief at more than 2,300 sites. These include legitimate and nonlegitimate Web pages. The paper reported “the amount of suspicious, disaster-related Web activity was higher than the number of swindles seen online after last year’s tsunami.”

The fraudulent activities are not

restricted to Web pages, General Dunlap said. E-mail solicitations for donations are also prevalent.

“Basically, people should be wary of any unsolicited e-mail requesting money, even if the request appears to come from a legitimate source,” the general said. “There have been instances where e-mails mimicked the appearance of legitimate organizations. A good rule of thumb to follow is if you didn’t request the e-mail solicitation, don’t trust it.”

People who receive suspicious e-mails and Web advertisements should report them to the Federal Trade Commission, General Dunlap said.

There are several avenues people can take to ensure any donation they want to make goes toward the

charity of their choice.

One is through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The agency released a list of registered, legitimate charitable organizations that are specifically conducting Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The list, which includes contact information for each organization, is available at www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=18473.

Another avenue available to people is the USA Freedom Corps, a coordinating council housed at the White House. The organization established a fund for Katrina relief through its Web site at www.usafreedomcorps.gov.

Also, Air Force Aid Society officials announced the establishment of a hurricane relief fund where the

organization can track contributions being made specifically for the purpose of helping Airmen affected by the hurricane. People can find information about this program through the AFAS Web site at www.afas.org.

People who receive suspicious e-mails or who are directed to suspicious Web sites should report the activity to the Federal Trade Commission at www.consumer.gov/sentinel or call them at (877) 382-4357. People can also contact the U.S. Department of Justice at www.internetfraud.usdoj.gov or the Federal Bureau of Investigation at www.IC3.gov.

To confirm the legitimacy of a charitable organization, people can go online to www.guidestar.org. (Courtesy of ACC News Service)



Fall Fitness Fiestathon

Fall back into fitness with the Hickam Fitness Center and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! Join us on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for special activities.

9 a.m. to noon: Fiestathon Aerobathon featuring Salsa, spinning, step, legs, butts n' guts, Pilates and Yoga

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: “Ask a trainer” with free blood pressure screenings and body fat assessments.

10 a.m.: Bench press competition

Noon to 2 p.m.: Combat/ Self-defense workshop

Great prizes will be awarded! Call the Fitness Center at 449-1044 for



more information.

Snorkel at Shark’s Cove

Put on your swimsuit and join us on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a snorkeling excursion at Shark’s Cove. Shark’s Cove, on the North Shore, is known for its spectacular underwater scenery. The cost is just \$20 per person! Bring your swimsuit, towel, water,

lunch, sunscreen and snorkel gear. For information call 449-5215.



Paintball

Bring your friends and energy for a lively game of paintball on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.! This is a transportation-only tour. Ages 10 and up welcome. Prices will vary on gear rental and paint purchases. Call 449-5215 for details.

Football Frenzy

Come on down to the Enlisted Club for Football Frenzy every Monday beginning at 3 p.m. There will be beverage specials, free pupus, and prizes for members. On Sunday mornings at 7 a.m., you can also come in and root for your home team at NFL Live! Free breakfast plate for member and spouse! Cost for additional guests is just \$5!



Artist/Craftsman Contest

Now is the time to start working on Artist/Craftsman Contest entries for 2005. There are four categories this year: fine arts, industrial arts, textile arts and picture arts. Entries are accepted from all youth and adults until Sept. 23. For details, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 449-1568.

Customer Appreciation Week

October 3 through 9 will be customer appreciation week at the 15th Services Squadron! This is our way of thanking each of you for

making our base a great place to work and play. Be sure to visit all of the services facilities to find out the wonderful surprises we have in store for you! There will be a variety of discounts and giveaways, as well as chances to win three great door prizes.

Increase in School Age Care fees

The Department of Defense has issued new fee ranges for child development centers and school age programs for the 2005-2006 school year. According to these guidelines, our school age patron fees must fall within the recommended Department of Defense fee

range; therefore we are required to raise the fees in each category. This will be the first fee increase in four years for the Hickam School Age Program. If you have questions, please contact Julie Klembara, Community/ Youth Director, at 449-6758 or Charlie Lewis, School-Age Coordinator, at 449-2261.

Veterinary Walk-In Clinic

The Hickam Vet Clinic will be open for annual vaccinations, microchips, heartworm tests and nail trims on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8 - 11:30 a.m.. Absolutely NO SICK CALLS. Call 449-6481 for more information.

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Embry-Riddle can meet anyone’s educational goals. Two new classes to be offered at Hickam include GOVT 325 - International Studies, and SCTY 385 - Intelligence Analysis, Writing and Briefing. The Fall term schedule of undergraduate and graduate classes is now available and registration has started. Embry-Riddle is located in Room 117 of Hangar 2.

Public Notice – The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 15th Medical Group from Sept. 28 to 30. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization’s compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commissions field representatives at the time of the survey. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 or Faxed to 630-792-5636 or E-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org



U-2 aids in Katrina relief

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) – The reconnaissance mission here has long been the cornerstone of providing critical information to commanders worldwide, but after hurricane Katrina that mission has moved much closer to home.

For almost two weeks, the 9th Reconnaissance Wing here has supported relief efforts by flying U-2S missions over the Gulf Coast area in support of the Federal Emergency

Management Agency. Even though the U-2 flight might be over, developing and analyzing the imagery has only begun. The 9th Intelligence Squadron has been providing critical intelligence to agencies participating in the relief and rescue efforts.

“When a U-2 lands, the film is sent here to the 9th IS where we develop and duplicate the images,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Kubick, 9th IS commander. “Images that we are producing are going into a

library that is accessible to federal and state agencies that are helping in the relief effort.”

Along with the 9th IS, the 480th Intelligence Group and 27th Intelligence Support Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Va., were key components in the Air Force’s efforts to rapidly collect, process, exploit and disseminate time-sensitive imagery products.

“Our folks worked around the clock and in close concert to synchronize a never-before seen mixture of national, (air reconnaissance) and commercial sources of data to support the relief efforts,” said Col. Judy Chizek, 480th IW commander.

While some people were enjoying their Labor Day weekend, Airmen with the 9th IS were busy at work supporting the relief effort by doing what they do best.

“So far we have processed about three-and-a-half miles of film,” Colonel Kubick said. “We have developed pretty much the entirety of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and parts of Florida.”

Keesler cleanup going well



Photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – Airmen with the 823rd Red Horse Squadron from Hurlburt Field, Fla., start another day of clearing and removing fallen trees from the base housing area here. More than 90 of the squadron's Airmen are deployed here to help with the base's hurricane recovery effort.

Though giving up a long weekend may not be everyone’s idea of fun, the 9th IS Airmen know what they are doing is for a good cause — saving lives.

“I haven’t heard a single

complaint from anyone here,” Colonel Kubick said.

Though much has been accomplished already, work continues in support of the relief effort and will continue until further notification.

The 27th ISS acted as the critical dissemination piece in the operation, uploading hundreds of images daily to both secure and nonsecure military Web sites, allowing greater access for military and relief

organizations in the field.

As long as services are needed, the people here will continue to provide essential imagery to aid in the reconstruction and humanitarian effort of the Gulf Coast. (Story by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier, 9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs.)

Airman delivers U.S. flag to NYC firefighters

NEW YORK CITY — Senior Airman Travis Barton may have waited two years to deliver a gift to New York’s fire department, but the message that came along with it was timeless.

The year was 2003, and Airman Barton was stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. Operation Iraqi Freedom was well under way and his fighter squadron was gearing up for a deployment to Southwest Asia.

While there, he noticed that pilots would take American

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flags on their missions over Iraq and return them as deployment mementoes. Airman Barton, who grew up near here, immediately thought of New York Fire Department’s Engine Co. 7/Ladder Co. 1 unit, which was one of the first to respond to the World Trade Center attacks.

Some of the unit’s firefighters grew up in Airman Barton’s hometown.

“I thought it would be a nice idea to fly a flag on Sept. 11,” Airman Barton said. “That’s the whole reason my squadron was over there.”

So he made the arrangements to have a flag flown that exact day, printed a certificate and had it framed.

But his project was not even close to being finished. Airman Barton was equally determined to present the flag personally to the storied fire company as a gift. So when he was not able to return in time from his deployment in 2004, he made a point of scheduling a homecoming for this year’s anniversary.

“It’s not every day that someone goes to this extent to say thanks,” said Seth Andrews, the fire department public affairs officer. “The firehouse was really honored.”

The avionics specialist did not mind waiting two years to complete his mission. When he finally got to the firehouse, saw the heroic pictures on the walls, talked to firefighters who were on duty that fateful day, he said he felt like the clocks turned back just for him.

“I didn’t do it for the attention,” Airman Barton said. “I did it to remind them that they won’t be forgotten.” *(Story by Capt. Jason Medina, Air Force Print News.)*

Officials to determine course for Keesler Airmen

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Officials here should find out soon a more definitive future

for the more than 1,200 Airmen trainees from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., who arrived here Sept. 1 after Hurricane Katrina hit their base.

Until a decision is made, Airmen will shadow permanent-party Airmen in the career field they are training in, said Senior Master Sgt. Terry Neuharth, superintendent of military training operations support at the 82nd Training Wing training operations office here. Airmen will perform duties they would accomplish at their operational base upon completion of training.

“Right now a lot (of Airmen) will be employed within their squadron and other agencies,” Sergeant Neuharth said. “They will get (on-the-job training) until further training is determined.”

Most Airmen were able to get out of Keesler with most of their uniforms and civilian clothes. But Sergeant Neuharth said there were a few who did not have any more than the uniform they were wearing and another one

in their duffel bag.

For those Airmen in need, squadron clothing recovery programs will help furnish uniforms.

“I think this is a great effort by Team Sheppard not only by providing the basics (such as) food, shelter and clothing, but by adopting them into the wing and providing military training,” Colonel Conley said.

As of Sept. 7, Sheppard’s evacuee count was 1,032. *(Story by John Ingle and Senior Airman Jacque Lickteig, 82nd Training Wing Public Affairs.)*

Tops in Blue seeking talented Airmen

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The annual search for Air Force talent during the Worldwide Talent Contest is scheduled Nov. 6 to 14 at nearby Lackland Air Force Base, and the deadline for submissions is Oct. 5.

Besides competing for the

Roger Award, given to the best performers in five separate categories, participants also vie for positions on the 2006 Air Force Expeditionary Entertainment Troupe — Tops in Blue.

“We need singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, and anyone else who has talent they’d like to share with the world,” said Jeri White, Tops in Blue production manager with the Air Force Services Agency here.

Contestants do not need professional training to qualify.

“They can be self-taught and don’t have to be able to read music,” Ms. White said. “All they need is talent and a strong desire to improve during the touring season.”

Applicants interested in competing in the Air Force Talent Contest and auditioning for Tops in Blue 2006 should submit a videotape of themselves performing, along with an entertainer application, to: HQ AFSVA,SVPCE; 10100 Reunion Place; Ste. 402; San Antonio, Texas

78216-4138. Airmen can obtain an application by calling (210) 652-6566 or through the Air Force Services Web site at www.afsv.af.mil.

Videotapes will be reviewed at the agency’s entertainment branch, and those individuals who display talents the judges feel can best support the team will be invited to compete at the Worldwide Talent Contest. Funding for the contest is provided by Air Force Services, including permissive temporary duty, travel and lodging.

Tops in Blue is the all-Air Force entertainment troupe that provides a free, high-energy 90-minute musical extravaganza to servicemembers worldwide, including war zones. In its mission to boost morale, the team visits more than 120 locations in more than 30 countries, entertaining more than 350,000 military and family members May to February each year. *(Story by Steve VanWert, Air Force Services Agency.)*

